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SUBJECT: INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN GREECE

REF: PO/75/100, 20 AUG 75 - INTERIM POLICY REGARDING INFRA-
STRUCTURE PROJECT IN GREECE.

SUMMARY. THE TURKS PROPOSE NEW WORDING WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM
TO AGREE TO REFERENCE. WE RECOMMEND US AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. WHEN REFERENCE PO/75/100 WAS ISSUED, IT REFLECTED
THE TURKISH VIEWS AT THAT MOMENT AND WAS ACCEPTABLE TO THE REST
OF THE DPC MEMBERS. HOWEVER THE TURKS SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED
POSTPONEMENT OF DPC DISCUSSION ON THIS PO DUE, AS WE UNDER-
STOOD IT, TO THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH THE STATEMENT OF
17 SEPTEMBER 1975 IN THE DPC BY GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS.

2. THE TURKS HAVE NOW INFORMALLY PROPOSED A NEW WORDING
FOR PARAGRAPH 5 OF REFERENCE ON WHICH THEY ARE SOLICITING
NATION COMMENTS. TEXT OF TURKISH PROPOSAL FOLLOWS:
QUOTE 5. HOWEVER, CONCERNING THE PROJECTS WHICH ARE FOR USE
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ONLY BY GREEK FORCES, THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT
WE SHOULD NOT AT THIS TIME ISSUE FURTHER AUTHORIZATIONS NOR
ADVANCE FURTHER FUNDS. ANY EXPENDITURES MADE ON THESE
PROJECTS SINCE 28 AUGUST 1974 FROM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO GREECE AS

OF THAT DATE SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE. THESE PROJECTS COULD, OF COURSE, BE PREFINANCED BY GREECE SUBJECT OF REIMBURSEMENT BY NATO AS WITH OTHER PREFINANCED PROJECTS IN THE EVENT OF A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME TO THE FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND NATO. UNQUOTE.

3. WE BELIEVE THE NEW LANGUAGE IS SOMEWHAT MORE PERMISSIVE THAN THE ORIGINAL. MISSION STAFF MEMBERS LOVELAND AND CAMPBELL MET 12 NOV 75 WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF PROGRAM CONTROLOFFICER COUNASSE AND TURKISH INFRASTRUCTURE REP YAKIS TO CLARIFY THIS POINT AND TO DISCUSS STATUS OF GREEK INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING. THE TURKISH REP CONFIRMED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES RECOGNIZED THE SOMEWHAT GREATER PERMISSIVENESS OF THE NEW LANGUAGE BUT POINTED OUT THAT ANY RESTRICTION ON GREEK EXPENDITURES FOR GREEK ONLY PROJECTS WOULD HAVE BEEN MEANINGLESS SINCE THE GREEKS HAVE ON HAND MORE THAN ENOUGH INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS TO COMPLETE THOSE PROJECTS.

4. OTHER DELEGATIONS ARE IN PROCESS OF CLEARING THE NEW LANGUAGE AND THE DPC COULD ACT ON INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS ON 26 NOV 75. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PO/75/100 AS AMENDED. STREATOR

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